execution. Under this phase, interception and treatment of 1861 million litre per day of sewage is proposed.

(c) While the Ganga Action Plan Phase I has been declared closed since 31.3.2000, the Ganga Action Plan Phase II is likely to be completed by 2005.

Killing of animals by trains in Rajaji National Park

†3430. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elephants, cheetals and other wild animals run over so far by trains on the rail line passing through Rajaji National Park;

(b) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Railways for prevention of death of wild animals, including elephants, due to the passing trains and also for their safety;

(c) whether Government propose to remove the said rail line or shift it to some other place; if so, when the work in this regard would begin; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps Ministry would like to take to prevent such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) As reported by the State Government, 6 elephants, 17 Cheetals, 4 Sambars, 3 Wild Boar and 1 python have died due to train accidents since January, 1998.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Due to technical and financial reasons, the proposal for diversion of railway line is not possible. The steps contemplated are:

(1) Reduction of speed in identified critical stretches.

(2) Smoothening the gradient of the slope on both sides of the railway line.

(3) Clearance of vegetation on both sides of the railway line.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.